

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ASUSTEK COMPUTER, INC.,	:
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Plaintiff,	:
	Case No: 08-CV-02768 (HB)
- against -	:
	<b>ANSWER TO CROSS-CLAIMS</b>
SHANGHAI EASTERN FUDART	:
TRANSPORT SERVICES CO., LTD.,	:
CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES CO., LTD.,	:
CHINA CARGO AIRLINES, DART	:
EXPRESS (TAIWAN) LTD., ULTRA AIR	:
CARGO, INC., TRUXTON LOGISTICS	:
CORP. and M&M TRANSPORT,	:
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Defendants.	:
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Defendant China Eastern Airlines Co., Ltd. (hereinafter "China Eastern"), by its attorneys Clyde & Co US LLP, answers the cross-claims asserted in the answer of Truxton Logistics Corp. (the "Answer with Cross-Claims") as follows:

**AS TO THE FIRST CROSS-CLAIM**

1. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraphs 28 and 29 of the Answer with Cross-Claims to the extent they are directed at parties other than China Eastern. Denies the allegations in paragraphs 28 and 29 of the Answer with Cross-Claims to the extent they are directed at China Eastern or can be construed to assert a claim against China Cargo, and leaves all questions of law for the Court.

**AS TO THE SECOND CROSS-CLAIM**

2. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraphs 30 and 31 of the Answer with Cross-Claims to the extent they are directed at parties other than China Eastern. Denies the allegations in paragraphs 30 and 31 of

the Answer with Cross-Claims to the extent they are directed at China Eastern or can be construed to assert a claim against China Cargo, and leaves all questions of law for the Court.

**AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

3. Truxton Logistics Corp.'s ("Truxton") cross-claims fail to state a claim against China Eastern upon which relief can be granted.

**AS AND FOR A SECOND  
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

4. The transportation out of which the subject matter of this action arose was "international carriage" within the meaning of a treaty of the United States known as the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air, done at Montreal on 28 May 1999, ICAO Doc. No. 9740 (entered into force November 4, 2003), *reprinted in* S. Treaty Doc. 106-45, 1999 WL 33292734 (hereinafter "Montreal Convention"), and the rights of the parties are governed exclusively by the provisions of the said Montreal Convention.

**AS AND FOR A THIRD  
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

5. Pursuant to Articles 18 and/or 20 of the Montreal Convention, China Eastern's tariffs, China Eastern's conditions of carriage as set forth in the relevant contract of carriage and/or other relevant law, China Eastern is not liable to plaintiff or Truxton for the loss or damage described in the Complaint and/or Truxton's cross-claims because the alleged loss or damage (a) did not occur during the period of carriage by air, and/or (b) was caused or contributed to by an inherent defect, quality or vice of the cargo, defective packaging of the cargo and/or the negligence of plaintiff, Truxton, and/or their agents, servants, or employees.

**AS AND FOR A FOURTH  
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

6. The liability of China Eastern if any, is limited pursuant to Article 22 of the Montreal Convention and/or China Eastern's tariffs and conditions of carriage as set forth in the relevant contract of carriage.

**AS AND FOR A FIFTH  
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

7. Pursuant to its tariffs and conditions of carriage as set forth in the relevant contract of carriage, and/or the applicable local law, China Eastern is not liable to plaintiff or Truxton or, alternatively, China Eastern's liability is limited.

**AS AND FOR A SIXTH  
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

8. The damages alleged by plaintiff and Truxton resulted from the acts or omissions of parties other than China Eastern and for whom China Eastern is not responsible and, therefore, China Eastern is not liable to plaintiff or Truxton, or, alternatively, China Eastern's liability to plaintiff and/or Truxton is partial only and should be reduced in accordance with applicable law.

**AS AND FOR A SEVENTH  
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

9. The alleged damages complained of were not proximately caused by any negligence or culpable conduct on the part of China Eastern.

**AS AND FOR AN EIGHTH  
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

10. China Eastern is not liable to plaintiff or Truxton for the loss or damage described in the Complaint and/or Truxton's cross-claims because the alleged loss or damage was caused or contributed to by the negligence of plaintiff, Truxton, and/or their agents, servants or employees.

**AS AND FOR A NINTH  
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

11. Plaintiff failed to mitigate its damages, if any, and, therefore, plaintiff and/or Truxton are barred from recovering any such damages or indemnity/contribution from China Eastern.

**AS AND FOR A TENTH  
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

12. The alleged damages were caused and brought about by an intervening and superseding cause and were not caused by China Eastern, or by a person for whom China Eastern is responsible.

**AS AND FOR AN ELEVENTH  
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

13. Pursuant to the Montreal Convention and/or China Eastern's tariffs and conditions of carriage, China Eastern is not liable to plaintiff or Truxton because plaintiff failed to dispatch timely written notice of claim to China Eastern of the loss or damage alleged in the Complaint.

**AS AND FOR A TWELFTH  
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

14. Pursuant to the Montreal Convention and/or China Eastern's tariffs and conditions of contract set forth in the relevant contract of carriage, Truxton may not maintain an action against China Eastern and/or China Eastern is not liable to Truxton for any loss arising out of plaintiff's Complaint because the alleged loss did not occur while the cargo was in China Eastern's possession or the possession of its employees or agents.

**AS AND FOR A THIRTEENTH  
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

15. Plaintiff's Complaint and, thus, Truxton's cross-claims, should be dismissed as the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York is an improper venue and/or

the action should be transferred pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404.


**AS AND FOR A FOURTEENTH  
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

16. Plaintiff's Complaint and, thus, Truxton's cross-claims, should be dismissed pursuant to the doctrine of *forum non conveniens*.

WHEREFORE, China Eastern demands judgment dismissing Truxton's cross-claims in their entirety or, alternatively, judgment limiting its liability pursuant to the foregoing, together with attorneys' fees, costs, disbursements and such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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Mariana Nannarone, being duly sworn, deposes and says that deponent is not a party of this action, is over 18 years of age and resides in Brooklyn, New York. On August 1, 2008 deponent served the within **ANSWER TO CROSS-CLAIMS** upon:

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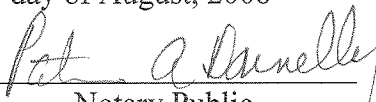
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The address(es) designated by said attorney(s) for that purpose by depositing a true copy thereof enclosed in a post-paid properly addressed wrapper, in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

  
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Sworn to before me this  
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